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In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 14, 2007 on the above-referenced application and concurrent with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.